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## Newsletter

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### Thanks

.. to those parents who supported our zone swimming team  
 .. to those parents (and grandparents) who made it to our school swimming sports this week (and to Mrs Donaldson for organising a fantastic event).  
 .. to those people who have worked so hard in the build up to senior camp and to those who will be supporting during camp week.

### People of the week

.. The following students who achieved special overall placings at this week's School Swimming Sports .. first place getters will receive cups at our end of year prize giving.

Junior	Intermediate	Senior
Amy 1 <sup>st</sup>	Grace 1 <sup>st</sup>	Ruby 1 <sup>st</sup>
Misha 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Hannah 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jemimah 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Tahi-Ora 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Emma 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Natasha 3 <sup>rd</sup>
Bradley 1 <sup>st</sup>	Johnathan 1 <sup>st</sup>	Max 1 <sup>st</sup>
Connan 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Jaedyn 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Caleb 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Brendan 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Ollly 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Harrison 3 <sup>rd</sup>

..Savanna for earning 7 badges at Pippins. Well done.

..Toni Bean & KJ Smith for making it into the NZ Women's Masters Over 35 team. Jade, Amy and Dylan very proud of you!

Please keep us informed of the achievements of present and past pupils so that we can celebrate these together.

### Good luck

.. to our senior campers .. off on camp next week!

.. to the following year 4 to 6 children representing our school at next week's Interschool Swimming Sports: Johnathan, Conal, Matthew, Jaedyn, Olivia, Hannah, Abby, Deborah, Bradley, James, Orlando, Amy.

### Vaccination Forms - Year 7

If your year 7 child received a vaccination form this week please return it to school **as soon as possible**. This vaccination is a combined vaccination for tetanus, diphtheria and whooping cough. Please address any questions about the vaccination programme to Becky Butel - public health nurse - 021 272 2991 or to [rebecca.butel@northlanddhsb.org.nz](mailto:rebecca.butel@northlanddhsb.org.nz)

### Year 8 Girls HPV Vaccination Forms

A number of forms have not been returned. If you received a form and have not returned it to school please return this **as soon as possible**. Any questions can be addressed to the public health nurse at the number above. Vaccinations will take place on Thursday 28 March.

## Term Events

Please pencil the following dates into your calendar. We will advise of further dates as these come to hand.

11 March	Year 7 and 8 camp to Auckland
12 March	Interschool Swimming Sports
26 March	Year 4 to 6 Summer Sports Tournament
29 March	Good Friday
1/2 April	Easter Monday and Tuesday
19 April	Final day term 1

## Junior (Year 1 to 3) Swimming Sports - 11 March

You are invited to our special junior swimming sports for year 1-3 starting 1:45pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March.

**Please note this is a different day to the middle and senior swimming sports day.** The goal of this day is primarily participation and fun. This is being held separately to give juniors more time in the pool.

The afternoon will unfold as follows ..

Year 3 - length swimmers races      Year 3 - width swimmers races

Year 2 - length swimmers races      Year 2 - width swimmers races

Year 1- width swimmers races

We are looking forward to having lots of fun and to celebrating how much the children have improved in swimming this year. See you there.



## Fundraising parent Helper Form

A huge thank you to those parents who have returned a form indicating willingness to assist in some way with at least one fundraising event this year. Remember this is a chance to fairly share any fund-raising load across the wider parent body. You only have to nominate yourself for one event and then you will not be called on again. The funds are used to directly support learning through purchase of resources for the benefit of all children. So ... if you have not returned your form please do so within the next couple of weeks. Any questions please to Sharon Smith on the Board.

## Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held at 6:00 PM Tuesday 12 March. Interested parents are welcome to sit in on this meeting.

## School Charter / Targets for 2013

If you would like to have been at this week's meeting to discuss our targets/ focus areas for 2013, and were unable to make it, please note that a summary statement is available under the Board tab on our school website, or in hard copy form from Kevin on request. Kevin is also more than happy to chat with any interested parent(s) at a mutually convenient time.

## Choir

Shortly we will be calling for expressions of interest in our school choir ... to perform later in the year at the Whangarei Primary Schools Music Festival. Please discuss your child's possible involvement with them.

## International Schools English and Mathematics Competitions

We will shortly be calling for expressions of interest in the above competitions. In advance of this please give careful thought to whether or not ..

.. your child can dedicate a couple of evenings each week to practice tests

.. whether you are in a position to support with encouragement and marking

.. whether they are suited to these quite difficult tests (your child's teacher could give guidance here).

This year we will be offering an after school lab to support in preparation for these tests but places will be limited. More to follow.

## Learn to Swim

Parents might like to consider enrolling their children in the Kamo Swimming Club for the next swimming season. **Registrations will be called for in late October.** The cost is only \$80 a child with the cost for the third child in a family reduced to half price. This is a very inexpensive way to teach your child to swim.

### Turbo-touch .. after school

Shortly parents will receive an invitation to enrol their children in the turbo touch programme to be held here at school Thursdays 3:30 to 4:30. This programme is an ideal opportunity for children to grow their sports skills and develop self-esteem. Classes are likely to start Thursday 14 March .. after school. Please return your form as soon as possible so that arrangements can be finalised.

### Bible in Schools Programme

At enrolment parents are asked if they wish their child to be included in the Bible in Schools Programme ... usually each Monday 9:05 AM to 9:30 AM. In every subsequent year parents are given the opportunity to opt out (or back in) at their discretion. The programme is mainstream and ecumenical and aligned to some degree to the NZ Health Curriculum. The Board reviews content and teachers each year to ensure these are appropriate. Children not attending are given supervised work and the school day is extended (5 minutes a day on all 5 days) to ensure regular learning time is not reduced. **If you would like to change last year's arrangements (by opting your child in or out) of the Bible in schools programme please advise Helen in the office.** Please also advise Helen if you have any questions you would like answered and we will do our best to get you answers to these questions. Please also note that each year parents have a couple of weeks after commencement of the programme to "test the water" before deciding to opt in or out.

### After School Maths Labs

**A reminder that, if your child was in the labs last term, and we have not heard from you to the contrary, we are expecting them to be at these labs this term.** Please note that labs start **week beginning 18 March** and will be held from **3:30 to 4:30 each Monday and Thursday** until term's end. If your children are participating in these labs please make sure they bring a snack for after school and that they are picked up at 4:30 when labs are completed.

### Learning support programmes

We are currently finalising placements in Mrs Comrie's learning support programme for this term. If you receive a letter advising of placement please return the withdrawal consent as soon as possible. Please note that placement also presupposes a high level of interest and support from home and commitment to the completion of assigned work. Time in these programmes is limited and we are keen to maximise returns in the shortest possible time.

### Literacy Labs

Parents of children nominated for the literacy labs will be advised shortly. The focus will be on basic parts of speech, sentence building, punctuation and proof-reading. Literacy Labs will run each **Wednesday 3:30 to 4:30**.

### Guitar Lessons

There are a number of vacancies in this popular after school programme (Wednesday & Thursday in the Old School Room - by the upper car park). Cost \$20 per lesson. Vangie has a spare guitar for kids trying out. If interested please phone Vangie on 434 7573 or 021 1883251, or email [killalea@ihug.co.nz](mailto:killalea@ihug.co.nz)

### If interested ..

.. in yoga classes in our school hall for as little as \$5.00 a lesson on a Wednesday after school please give Susan Pryor a call on 094339578 or 0212084167 (this is a much reduced rate and Susan is well qualified for this role). There is some interest already but numbers need to lift somewhat for this to be viable. Susan is more than happy to answer any questions.

**Newsletter** .. a reminder to let Helen know if you would like to receive your newsletter by email.

**Reminder** - If you have not yet returned your fundraiser parent help form, could you please return to the office as soon as possible.

## Finally

Apparently real court dialogue from USA court records ...

Q. Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know anything about it until the next morning?

A. Did you actually pass the bar exam?

**Finally ... Finally .. Mean it this time** Really proud of our students this week. We have had awesome feedback on their sportsmanship and manners at this week's Zone Swimming Sports .. and did you notice how they encouraged and supported each other at our School Swimming Sports?

Regards

Kevin Trehwella

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### Senior School Fundraising Raffle

A huge thankyou to everyone who supported us by buying tickets.

<i>Winner</i>	\$100	Voucher to Tonic Restaurant	-	Korina Pascoe
<i>2<sup>nd</sup></i>	\$50	Pak 'n Save voucher	-	Tilda Jongkind
<i>3<sup>rd</sup></i>		Glossy Simplicity Mobile Phone & 2 Degree Connection	-	Lisa Verevis

## **KILL THE SPEED, NOT THE CHILD!**

Rural Women New Zealand has been campaigning for better awareness of the 20km/h speed limit past school buses for several years, and they would like to remind rural school communities of the 20km/h speed limit in both directions when passing a school bus that has stopped to let pupils on or off the bus. In the 23 years from 1987, 23 children were killed in NZ when crossing the road to or from school buses. 47 were seriously injured and 92 received minor injuries.

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## **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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**LOOKING FOR A LITTLE AFTER SCHOOL DRAMA?** Then Join in - Making A Scene; Confidence Building Drama Classes on Tuesdays at the Riverside Theatre from 3:30pm ages 6 and up. Also: Speech & Drama Tuition for students looking to develop acting and speaking skills. Competitions and exam focus for more ambitious kids. Helen Ph 433 0288.